

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 567 Designation of the State Dessert

SPONSOR(S): McClure and others

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1006

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Public Integrity & Elections Committee	18 Y, 0 N	Friant	Rubottom
2) State Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Current law provides 43 state designations such as the state pie, state fruit, state beverage, and state honey. Florida does not, however, have a designation for a state dessert. HB 567 designates the Strawberry Shortcake as the official state dessert.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Chapter 15, F.S., designates official state emblems. It contains 43 state designations including the state pie, state fruit, state beverage, and state honey.¹ Current law does not contain a designation for a state dessert.

6 states including Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, and South Dakota have designated an official state dessert.² Other states have an official state pie, such as Florida's adoption of the Key Lime Pie in 2006 and Texas's adoption of the Pecan Pie in 2013.³ Most recently in 2016, Alabama enacted SB 184 designating the Lane Cake as the official state cake.⁴

Florida's strawberry industry is the second-largest producing region in the United States and the top region for the nation's winter supply. As such Plant City, FL is known as the Winter Strawberry Capital of the World.⁵

Proposed Changes

The bill designates Strawberry Shortcake as the official state dessert of Florida.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 creates s. 15.0522, F.S., to designate the Strawberry Shortcake as the official state dessert of Florida.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2022.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate a state revenue source.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate state expenditures.

¹ Official designations include the state: flag, seal, motto, tree, fruit, beverage, citrus archive, anthem, song, shell, stone, gem, wildflower, play, animal, freshwater and saltwater fishes, marine and saltwater mammals, butterfly, reptile, saltwater reptile, tortoise, air fair, rodeo, festival, moving image center and archive, litter control symbol, pageant, opera program, renaissance festival, railroad, history, and transportation museums, flagship, soil, fiddle contest, band, Sports Hall of Fame, pie, honey, horse, and heritage cattle breed.

² DE ST T1 29 § 321 (2009); ME ST T.1 § 226 (2011); SD ST § 1-6-16.7 (2000); MD GEN PROVIS § 7-313 (2014); MO ST 10.180 (2008); MA ST 2 § 41 (1996).

³ FL ST § 15.052 (2006); Texas Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session (2013).

⁴ AL ST § 1-2-41 (2016).

⁵ Florida Strawberry Growers Association, *Facts About Florida Strawberries*, <https://floridastrawberry.org/facts-about-florida-strawberries> (last visited Jan. 7, 2022).

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate a local revenue source.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate local expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take action requiring the expenditure of funds. This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities. This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities have to raise revenue.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.